

MARCH 2011

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

GET READY, GET SET...

Spring is just around the corner. It's a good time of year to organize your family history project and consider the many learning and research opportunities coming in the months ahead. You'll find yourself off and running as you pursue your research goals with IGS programs and events.

Discover what's new for genealogists in the world of technology at this year's IGS Technology Conference, explore your German ancestry at a special German Conference, or visit Salt Lake City and delve into the incredible resources of the Family History Library.

Plan to attend an IGS special interest group and explore your ethnic heritage or learn more about your genealogy software's capabilities. Take a class to improve your research skills or sign up for a marathon research slumber party.

The spring and summer months are filled with programs, classes and events to enhance your research and deepen your understanding of your ancestors' lives. So keep your calendar handy as you read this issue—you won't want to miss a single event!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nicoe Hart, IGS President



Greetings IGS Members & Friends,

As you know, funds to run IGS are always a concern. Ideally IGS would have three months of operating expenses in reserve. The reality is that IGS does not, and monies for special projects and emergency repairs must be raised via donations from the membership and friends.

Last year we won a \$2500 matching grant to design a new IGS website (cost of Phase One is \$6,100). Thanks to Dennis Davies we are nearing the time when Phase One will be complete. Training for IGS personnel is tentatively scheduled for the evening of February 10th at 5:30; we will go live soon after that with the new design.

I am excited to see the total redesign became a reality. To do that we must raise the funds to finance Phases Two and Three which are projected to cost another \$12,000. Those phases complete the total overhaul that will give us the ability to put databases online (including indexes of material that will generate revenue) and to have a members-only log-in to access even more material online.

An anonymous donor has pledged \$2,000, which leaves \$10,000 to be raised to complete Phases Two and Three of the project. We cannot begin work on Phase Two until we have at least \$5,500 in hand to cover the cost. The project would be more efficient if we had all the monies to pay for both Phase 2 & 3 and could complete it as one project.

Which brings me to you, the members of IGS, to ask for donations to complete the new website transformation and upgrade. We have members who will create database indexes of our obituaries, naturalization certificates and other files to be loaded on the new website as revenue producing items. We will also begin planning the members-only material. What we need is \$10,000 in donations to move this project forward.

Thanks to a \$1000 donation from the German Interest Group and a member donation of \$300, IGS was able to renew our Ancestry.com Library Edition with only \$835 used from the operating fund. The library charges \$1.00 per hour to use Ancestry.com, which is a bargain compared to an individual subscription. We don't have timers, or pay-as-you-print for copies from Ancestry; we rely on the honor system. Cheaters hurt the entire membership, because if it does not pay for itself, it will likely cease to be available at IGS.

It's always exciting to tell Hazel Demirjean that we have new books to be catalogued and put on the shelves. We received a donation of fifty-two new family history books from the estate of a retired salesman for a publisher of county histories. We were able to share duplicates (new books) with the State Historical Library and Area Representatives and sell the used books we replaced in our collection.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, *continued from page 2*

By the time you read this, Hazel will be happily using donated money to purchase new books for the New England section of our library. Hazel is planning to join me February 5th at the library to thank the representative of the organization that donated the funds.

I will be teaching "Introduction to Quaker Research" August 20th at IGS and am willing to take this program on the road as a speaker to assist local chapters or area representatives. Please let me know if your groups are interested.

Again, thank you for the job of President,
Regards, Nicoe

IN MEMORIAM

IGS has lost a well-known and beloved volunteer. Kenneth M. Kelling, 85, passed away Friday, 14 January 2011, at Iowa Lutheran Hospital.



Kenneth was born 17 August 1925 to John and Edna Kelling in Renwick, Iowa. He graduated from Eagle Grove and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Ken married Donna Bennett in 1950 and received his Masters Degree from UNI. He taught Industrial Arts for thirty seven years in Des Moines.

His retirement was spent volunteering with Boy Scouts, Lions Club, NAVY MARS, American Legion, and the Iowa Genealogical Society.

Ken will be remembered by his loving wife of sixty years, Donna; their two children: Steve (Lori) Kelling and Karen Cross; five grandchildren: Curtis (Amber)Kelling, Chris Kelling, Misty (Tony) Munoz, Julie Cross, and Jennifer Cross; four great-grandchildren: Anthony, Paloma, Braeden and Caleb; brother Harold (Bev) Kelling, and sister-in-law Alice Kelling of Hayward, Wisconsin. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Earl Kelling.

We extend our sympathy to Ken's family and gratefully remember his work on behalf of IGS.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHARITABLE GIFTS FROM YOUR IRA EXTENDED

The December 2010 Federal Tax Act, scheduled to expire 31 December 2010, has been extended for the entire year of 2011. This act enables charitable donors to make tax-free gifts from their IRAs if the donors are over 70-1/2.

Donors may exclude from their taxable income any IRA funds up to \$100,000 that have been transferred directly from their IRA to a qualified charity.

Tough economic times have meant decreased donations to many charities while the need has increased. Tax incentives like the IRA charitable rollover help encourage donors to make gifts.

Possible tax benefits:

- The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you will benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions.
- The transfer may count against your unsatisfied required minimum distribution from your IRA.
- You can witness the difference your philanthropic dollars make to the Iowa Genealogical Society.

Please consider this tax-wise opportunity, especially if you are in a position to have a mandatory withdrawal from your IRA and wish to donate to a charity.

IGS recently opened a small brokerage account permitting the acceptance of donations of stock directly from donors. You may wish to explore the benefits of such charitable donations with your tax advisor.

Donations of any size are appreciated and will be put to good use in support of our mission.

IGS NOMINATING COMMITTEE BEGINS 2011 WORK

The Nominating Committee has started its work in preparing the slate of candidates for next fall. Since this is an odd-numbered year, the offices of regional representative from the odd-numbered regions are on the ballot.

Regional Representative is a very important office—it allows IGS to know what is happening in the counties and it allows genealogists throughout the state to have a voice in the decisions of IGS. A regional representative is asked to attend four board meetings in Des Moines during the year and to be in contact with the genealogical societies in his or her region. Some representatives have coordinated regional meetings which allow the local societies to share ideas and to present educational offerings.

The regions and the counties within them are listed below. If you live in one of the counties or are a member of a society from one of the counties, please consider serving.

Region 1: *Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Lee, Louisa, Van Buren*

Region 3: *Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Jones, Muscatine, Scott*

Region 5: *Allamakee, Bremer, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard, Winneshiek*

Region 7: *Butler, Franklin, Grundy, Hamilton, Hardin, Wright*

Region 9: *Appanoose, Davis, Lucas, Monroe, Wapello, Wayne*

Region 11: *Adair, Boone, Dallas, Greene, Guthrie, Madison*

Region 13: *Clay, Dickinson, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Sioux*

CHAPTER NEWS FROM ACROSS IOWA

The **Jefferson County Genealogical Society** website, <http://www.iagenweb.org/jefferson>, continues to grow with three dedicated volunteers working quietly behind the scenes. Our eighty-two cemeteries are all on line now with about 43,000 burials; maiden names added where possible. The listing will stay current with new burials added from daily obituaries. Pictures of gravestones total 7,730 and obituaries for 9,629 individuals.

The latest addition to our site is a listing of 1,700 names of individuals with no burial spots known. This list was compiled from probates, wills, and guardianships from 1839 to 1939, the 1850, '60, '70 and '80 federal mortality schedules, older funeral home records and coroner dockets.

Not to be overlooked is the index to two hardbound volumes of old Bible Records which was just placed on line for researchers. Also on line is an up-to-date list of all the 296 family books/folders on the shelves.

Our collection of over 10,000 family sheets in filing cabinet continues to grow. Most of these are couples married prior to 1910.

If you are coming to research at the Fairfield Library, you will find that the color-coded volumes make it easy for newcomers-- red: courthouse records, orange: obituaries, blue: cemeteries, green: families, tan: historical. Visit our website and come visit us. We might have just what you want.

~ submitted by Verda Baird

Fairfield Public Library

104 West Adams
Fairfield, Iowa 52556
641-472-6551



Hours:

Monday - Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 1:00 pm - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: Open Labor Day thru Memorial Day 1 - 5 p.m.

IGS SPRING TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE 2011

April 16, 2011. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the State Historical Building, 600 East Locust, Des Moines.

Mark your calendar for this year's Spring Technology Conference. Learn what's new for family historians in the world of technology at this full-day conference.



Special guest presenter Michael T. Booth is vice-president of RootsMagic, Inc. He is an accomplished trainer who has given hands-on entertaining presentations to thousands of individuals.

With over twenty-five years of computer programming experience, Michael's latest creations are *Personal Historian* and *Family Atlas*. He is also a developer of the popular *RootsMagic* genealogy software.

Michael is a native Iowan, born and raised in Ames. He currently lives in Ogden, Utah with his wife Sandy, and their five children.

CONFERENCE "REGION SPOTLIGHT"

A new feature at this year's conference, the goal of the "Region Spotlight" is to showcase one county in each of five regions throughout the state of Iowa. This is a chance for local societies to publicize their county and its resources, and to let others know about the historical background of the county and the opportunities available for research.

Spring Conference Featured Counties:

- **Black Hawk County**, Region 2, North East Iowa Genealogical Society.
- **Worth and Cerro Gordo Counties**, Region 2, North Central Iowa Genealogical Society.
- **Union County**, Region 3.
- **Polk County**, Region 4, Charter-Pierce Memorial Internet Genealogical Society.
- **Lee County**, Region 5.
- **Cherokee County**, Region 1.

LECTURE TOPICS

Where in the World? GPS and the Genealogist

Global Positioning System (GPS) makes navigating the world easy. But its applications to family history may surprise you. We will talk about what is GPS, choosing a GPS receiver, recording GPS data in your family history software, and what to do with it when you have it.

Personal Historian: Bringing Life to Your Life Stories

Personal Historian is unique software to organize, write, and publish personal histories for yourself and other individuals. It takes this seemingly monumental task and breaks it into small, manageable pieces and then reconstructs it into a complete, publishable document. The included library of timelines and memory triggers give color and context to your writing. You can even add documents, journals, photographs, and genealogy to give it a personal touch.

What's New in *RootsMagic 4*

An introduction to *RootsMagic 4*, the newest version of this award-winning genealogy software. Learn about features like web search, shared events (witnesses), person and place mapping, *Evidence Explained*-based SourceWizard, New FamilySearch support, color coding, and much more. Plus learn how to run RootsMagic directly from your flash drive using RootsMagic To-Go.

RootsMagic: Sharing and Publishing Your Family Tree

Don't keep your family history to yourself. *RootsMagic* is the award-winning genealogy software that makes family history easy. Learn how to add pictures and media, create beautiful charts and reports, publish complete books, make Shareable CDs and DVDs, and share your research with friends and family.

Cost: IGS members \$55/ non-members \$60.

Register before March 31st and save!

See page 15 for complete registration information, or visit the IGS website:

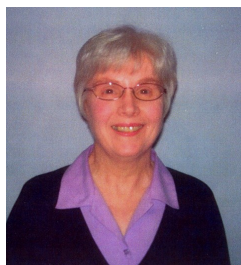
www.iowagenealogy.org.

GERMAN GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE 2011

Saturday, 18 June 2011, 8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(Registration at 8:15 a.m.)

Mercy Park Activity Center, 1131 3rd Street,
Des Moines.

Lois Edwards, noted author, lecturer and professional genealogist with twenty years experience researching German ancestors and author of the award winning book, *Beginner's Guide to Germanic Genealogy*, will lead this exciting, informative conference.



Lois has researched four German regions: Palatinate, Franconia (northern Bavaria), and both parts of Pomerania. She is past president of the Germanic Genealogy Society (GGS), and was the editor of the GGS quarterly, *Germanic Genealogy Journal*, for ten years.

A presenter at numerous genealogy workshops and conferences in Minnesota, she has also taught three eight-week courses in beginning German genealogy. Her newest book is the award-winning *Beginner's Guide to Germanic Genealogy*, published by GGS. She has traveled to Germany several times and to Poland once to visit her ancestral towns and to meet distant relatives.

TOPICS FOR THE DAY

Patterns of German Emigration and Immigration 1683-1890

Germans came to American ports from several European ports over the period from the 1680s to the 1890s. They came for varying reasons and from different areas in Europe. This session focuses on patterns of German emigration and immigration to America. Transportation improvements, business development, economic conditions, and political changes in Europe and in America influenced these patterns. Presented in a story format, the patterns may provide clues to your immigrant ancestor's place of origin and emigration date, along with a broader understanding of the immigration experience.

German Church and Civil Records

Eventually your research will lead you to German church or civil records from the 18th and 19th centuries. Knowing what to expect in these records can make them easier to read and can increase the amount of information you gain from them. This session looks at the languages, formats, and content found in records from various time periods and various German regions. Numerous examples will review the basics but also probe more deeply. Familiarity with old German (Gothic) script is helpful but not required.

Case Studies in German Research

In family history research, a case study specifies the thinking process and the steps taken to answer a question. By learning how other researchers solved problems, you discover resources and strategies to improve your research skills—and learn to avoid mistakes. This session describes several case studies from various regions and time periods, ranging from the basics of determining a well-concealed place of origin to advanced research in 17th century German records.

Research Two Pomeranian Towns

Pomerania, formerly an area along the Baltic Sea in the German Empire, is now split between modern Germany and Poland. This session describes research in two areas—one in which church records are available although not microfilmed (in Germany) and the other in which church records no longer exist (in Poland). It explores the varied histories of these two areas visited in 2007—one settled in about 1400 by the church and the other created in the 1700s by Frederick the Great—through maps and photos.

Whether you are just beginning your German ancestry journey, or are an experienced researcher, this conference will provide new information and tips that will complement your research. Cost: \$45 IGS members/\$50 non-members. **Register by May 27th and save!**

For registration information, see page 14 of this newsletter, or visit the IGS website: www.iowagenealogy.org.

IGS SALT LAKE CITY RESEARCH TRIP

May 15 - 21, 2011.

Join IGS members for a week of in-depth research at America's incomparable Family History Center.



The resources at the Family History Center are overwhelming. Do you have a certificate or letter in another language? Have it translated by the experts at FHC. Are you looking for early land records, wills or probate records, orphan court in a far away state? Do you need foreign records? Check the FHC library catalog for records on microfilm.

Copy costs are very reasonable and easy to make; it's free to download images into your computer or a flash drive. Volunteers are on hand to help you in your search. Use the FHC online catalogue to plan your research and order off-site films to be available when you want to use them.

The price for the trip includes hotel accommodations at the Salt Lake Plaza, located conveniently next door to the Family History Library. Also included are orientation at the Family History Center and a genealogy class on Monday evening after the library closes.

The Salt Lake Plaza Hotel provides free shuttle service to the airport and other local destinations, and the hotel has its own restaurant available onsite. Rooms have refrigerators, a coffee pot and microwave.

Cost: \$700 single, \$350 double or \$275 for triple occupancy. A \$100 deposit will hold your place, with the balance due 1 March 2011. Please note: airfare and meals are not included.

The trip is being coordinated by IGS President Nicoe Hart. Make checks payable to her and provide her with your contact information. She will need your flight information and arrival time by March 30th to arrange for shuttle transportation to the hotel.

Contact Nicoe Hart for additional details and to make your reservation: 515-778-3521; nicoehart@gmail.com.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA 2011 HISTORICAL DISCOVERY DISCUSSIONS

Each discussion features materials from the State Historical Library, Archives, and Special Collections and is facilitated by a Historical Librarian and/or a guest speaker.

March 19: "Voices from Iowa's Past: Story, Memory and Song," 10:30 a.m.

April 16: "Making the Most of Your Visit: Pre-Visit Tips for the State Historical Library," 1:30 p.m.

Programs take place at the State Historical Library, 600 E. Locust, Des Moines. Free and open to the public.

Watch for more information in SHIS's monthly online newsletter, *The Historian*, or contact Susan Jellinger: 515.281.6897, Susan.Jellinger@iowa.gov for details.

IRISH CLAN GATHERING

May 20-22, 2011. Bellbridge Hotel, Spanish Point/Miltown Malbay, County Clare, Ireland.

An O'Kelly Welcome to all Kellys, Kelleys, O'Kellys and O'Ceallaighs. Join others who share your name for the next **Kelly Clan Gathering**:

- Lecture by Helen Kelly – Vice President of the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland. Helen will also be available to visit with participants.
- Presentation by Aidan Kelly on DNA patterns for the Kelly Y chromosome family study.
- Enjoy a guided tour of this beautiful area.
- Traditional Irish music will also be a part of the entertainment.
- Participate on Sunday morning, as our Uachtaran (President) Dom Celsus Kelly celebrates Mass in the small church at Creegh, an area rich in history of local Kellys.

For more information, visit

<http://www.kellycln.com> or contact

July Kelly: Fausch:djfausch@huxcomm.net.

MORE IOWA AND REGIONAL NEWS

A **Kirkwood College** class project is also serving the local community. For the second consecutive year, students in Gail Brown's Managing GIS Projects class have mapped sections of the historic Oak Hill Cemetery in Cedar Rapids. Gail expects the annual work to go on for a decade or more, with each new class building on the former students' work. She says the class and field work are a great match for the overall goals of Kirkwood learning.

You can read more about this ongoing work and see photos of last fall's students at work on the Gazette's Iowa Higher Education website: <http://iowahighereducation.com/2011/01/kirkwood-class-project-builds-precise-maps-of-oak-hill-cemetery/>.

The **State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries (SAPIC)** will sponsor a cemetery restoration program on Saturday, 9 April 2011, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Deep River Community Center. The program, hosted by the **Poweshiek County Cemetery Commission** and SAPIC, will feature speaker John Heider, who will share his knowledge of restoring rural historical cemeteries. John, a retired educator, travels throughout the Midwest teaching cemetery restoration. He is a recipient of national and state awards, has appeared in a university documentary and was featured on *RFD America*.

During the lecture he will provide a restoration display, present a PowerPoint presentation and National Park Service video, demonstrate dowsing as a tool to locate unmarked graves and answer questions. John also encourages the audience to participate during the program. Participants will receive a seventy-five page informational booklet.

Seating is limited and registration is required. Checks need to be made out to the Poweshiek Pioneer Cemetery Commission and mailed to Vera Heck, 4356-235th St., Guernsey, Iowa 52221. Website:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~iasapc/>.

The Minnesota Genealogical Society will present **British Isles Days, April 29th and 30th, 2011**, featuring David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA, FIGRS.

Events are co-sponsored by the Minnesota Genealogical Society and the Irish Genealogical Society International and will take place in the Minneapolis metro area.



On Friday evening, attend a presentation by David Rencher and enjoy coffee and dessert.

On Saturday, enjoy an entire day of British Isles presentations, featuring three more David Rencher talks, breakout sessions by Upper Midwest-based presenters on English, Irish, Scottish, and Welsh genealogy, and offerings from area genealogy vendors and exhibitors.

David Rencher, Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch, is one of North America's leading experts on English and Irish genealogy.

Check the MGS website: www.mnogs.org, or www.irishgenealogical.org for more details and registration information.

IOWA 1885 STATE CENSUS INDEX POSTED AT FAMILYSEARCH.ORG

An index to the 1885 Iowa State Census is now available for research at FamilySearch.org.



It is from the State Historical Society of Iowa, and indexes ninety-five rolls of FHL microfilm. The census is made up of 503,573 records. Although it's just an index, it is invaluable if you've got folks in Iowa in 1885.

RESOURCE REVIEWS: SCOTTISH HERITAGE RESOURCES

by Edith Munro, IGS Newsletter Co-editor



Got a Scot in your family tree? If you're trying to track down Scottish family information, don't overlook the potential in your clan association. Most Highland families and some lowland families have associations, and some clan societies can offer significant help with genealogy.

Some examples I found in just an hour or so of on-line searching include:

- **The Armstrong Clan Association** (<http://www.armstrong-clan-association.co.uk/>) has a computer database of more than 20,000 Armstrongs.
- **Clan Brodie of the Americas** is in the process of building a genealogy tree of Brodies. Check out <http://clanbrodie.us>.
- There are several Bruce Clan groups, one of which is organizing a family DNA project. See <http://www.brucefamil.com/index.html>.
- **Clan Cameron**, <http://www.clan-cameron.org/>, has archives, genealogical resources, and a DNA research project.
- The **Clan Campbell Society, North America**, <http://www.ccsna.org>, has a genealogy program, as does the **International Clan Chisholm Society**. See <http://www.clanchisholmsociety.org/public/index.php>.



Some clan groups also have notice boards where clan members can post genealogical inquiries that other members may be able to resolve.

If you're really fortunate, your clan association will have a genealogist. I've found at least one clan that sells a 35,000 name genealogical database of clan members for just \$10.

Many clan sites also provide basic clan histories, lists of key clan leaders, and details about clan symbols. I readily found every clan I checked for by using a Google search on the clan name – for example “Munro Clan Association.” These produced results, even when the clan was a “society” or “family” rather than an association.

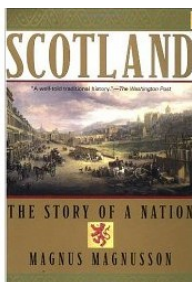
Looking for good sources of clan and Scottish history to complement your family tree? Here's a list of books worth looking at:

- **Robert Bain's Clans and Tartans of Scotland** has long been a solid reference for basic clan information: a one-page history each of some 120 clans, a color photo of each clan tartan, and information on clan coats-of-arms, war cries, mottoes, etc. Also includes an extensive list of “septs” – smaller families linked to the major clans – and a timeline of key dates in Scottish history. It appears to be out of print but readily available at Amazon.com.
- **The Intelligent Traveler's Guide to Historic Scotland** by Philip A. Crowl, 1986. Not a tour guidebook (it's a two-inch hardback), but an excellent reference to places and events. It has a 300-page narrative history of Scotland from the prehistoric to 1945, followed by a 200-page gazetteer of towns, churches, battlefields, castles and more. If something important happened in your family's home town, this book will probably tell you. I found copies available on-line both at Amazon.com and on the Barnes & Noble website.

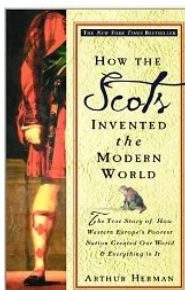
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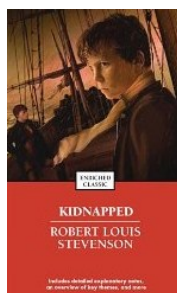
- ***Scotland: The Story of a Nation*** by Magnus Magnusson, 2000. I don't know why an Icelandic newscaster chose to write this book, but I'm grateful he did. It's hefty but readable and it avoids the romanticism that so often surrounds Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobite risings. This is the book for someone who wants to go beyond a quick summary of Scotland's past. It's still in print and also available online.



- ***How the Scots Invented the Modern World*** by Arthur Herman, 2001. Also in print and a ripping good read – it focuses on specific developments in Scotland that directly influenced thinking, government, medicine, the industrial revolution, education, science and more. Find out, among other things, how much the American Revolution owed to the Scots.



- ***Kidnapped*** by Robert Louis Stevenson. Yes, it's a novel, but there's more fact in it than you might realize. The place descriptions are accurate enough that you can almost follow the story step-by-step on a good detailed topographic map. Not as sanitized as *Treasure Island*, it depicts Scotland as a gritty place peopled with some truly unpleasant characters – which is on target for this dark period in Scottish history.



IGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Learn more about your ethnic heritage in an IGS special interest group. All groups are free and meet at the IGS Library unless otherwise noted:

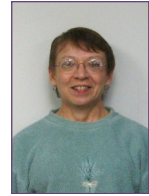
- **German Interest Group:** Meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. and offers the opportunity to share knowledge of German research. You will find experienced researchers, translators and travelers with extensive personal knowledge of the various regions in Germany.
- **African-American Interest Group:** Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Share techniques for exploring African-American heritage at this “Village Gathering.”
- **Italian-American Interest Group: *New!*** Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The group is designed for learning how to research in Italy, helping others in their search for ancestors, sharing information, websites, and ideas for other and new resources.
- **Irish Interest Group:** Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Emphasis is on documenting the family in the United States and uncovering the Irish county of origin. Members are encouraged to bring their family research for group discussion and problem solving.
- **Norwegian Interest Group** Meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7 p.m. The group is designed for learning how to research in Norway, helping others in their search for ancestors, sharing information, websites, and ideas of other and new resources.

Learn more about your genealogy software program:

- **Legacy Interest Group:** Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. Explore the capabilities of Legacy genealogy software, learn to use it effectively, and get answers to your questions.

CATALOGING CORNER

by Diane Densmore



We ended the year of 2010 having added a total of 530 books to our shelves, of which ninety-one were added in the last three months.

In December, we received a most generous donation of Iowa county history books published in the late 1980's & early 1990's. These are: Allamakee, Benton, Buchanan, Fremont, Hardin, Harrison (Vol. 2), Page, Plymouth, Poweshiek, and Scott.

Other new Iowa books, by county, include:

Cedar: *Out of Hitler's Reach* (The Scattergood Hostel for European Refugees)

Hardin: *Hubbard Centennial, 1881-1981*

Linn: *Cedar Rapids Fire Department, Past & Present, 1869-1992*

Polk: *Caldwell Funeral Home, Des Moines, 1949*

Wapello: *Early Days in Iowa, 1850-1900, Washington Township*

Some of the states and their counties included in our newest books:

Connecticut: colony of New Haven

Illinois: Cass, Warren

Massachusetts: Hampden

Virginia: Fauquier, Prince Anne

Some new family history book surnames: Baldwin, Bell, Bockes, Foster, Greene, Harrison, Horr, Kading, Mallet, Meinert, Pohren, Townsend, Ryerson.

Check the "Recent Library Book Acquisitions" binder on top of the card catalog files when you're at IGS. The list of our new books is printed at the beginning of each month.

HIDDEN TREASURES

Was your New Year's resolution to get your genealogy papers organized but you don't know where to start? Then you need the Dewey number 929.1 "how-to" section for a book to get organized.



While you're looking for that book, be sure to take notice of other subjects such as adoption research, historical terms, secrets in old photographs, internet genealogy, reading early handwriting, preserving heirloom documents, "brick wall" solutions and DNA genealogy.

Do you need a Polk County, Iowa probate record between 1847 and 1911? First, look up the case number in the index book (1847-1912) on the Polk County shelf.



Then go to the microfilm drawers near the microfilm reading room door. This is an ongoing filming project and part of 1912 is already done.

IGS CALENDAR

All programs & activities take place at the IGS Library unless otherwise noted.

MARCH 2011

MAR. 19: Online Irish Research

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
More and more original Irish records are being added to the Internet. Where past researchers had to journey to Ireland, free images are now available online.



This class will work through online census records, land tax records with corresponding maps, wills and leases from Northern Ireland, abstracts of civil registrations of births, marriages and deaths, and church records being scanned under the auspices of the Irish Tourism Board. We'll also work with the fee-based records of the local heritage centres. There's a wonderful pot of gold for researchers out there and we'll help you find the end of the rainbow.

Class attendees who have laptops with wireless capabilities are welcome to bring them along. Preregistration is required.

Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.

MAR. 19: Beginning Genealogy

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Find out how easy it is to get started in this popular and fascinating pursuit. Your family has a story to tell— begin your journey of discovery with IGS. Space is limited; preregistration is suggested for this FREE class.

APRIL 2011

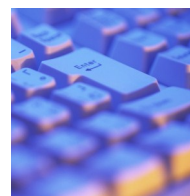
APR. 16: Spring Technology Conference

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: State Historical Building,
600 East Locust, Des Moines.

Learn what's new for family historians in the world of technology at this full-day conference (See details on page 5). Cost: IGS members \$55/ non-members \$60.

Register before March 31st and save!



APR. 30–MAY 1: Research Slumber Party

4 p.m. Saturday, April 30th, through 6 a.m. Sunday, May 1st.

Where are those elusive ancestors hiding? Spend the night with IGS and find out! Research at Iowa's premiere family history library with the assistance of our expert volunteers, compare notes with other die-hard genealogy enthusiasts, and just have fun! Reservations required. Cost: \$25 per person includes supper.

MAY 2011

MAY 21: Beginning Genealogy Class

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Space is limited; preregistration is suggested for this FREE class.

MAY 21: Introduction to German Research

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

This class explores major dates in Germanic history, why it's important to know your family's religion, tips for finding your ancestor's hometown, and more. Preregistration is required.

Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.



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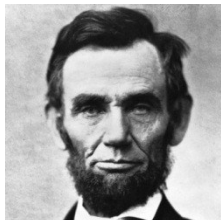
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JUNE 2011

JUN. 18: Civil War Research

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Over 76,000 Iowans served in the Civil War. Was your ancestor one of them? Learn how to research your Civil War ancestor and discover his story. Space is limited; preregistration is required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/ \$10 non-members.



JUN. 18: German Interest Group Annual Conference

8:45 a.m. – 4 p.m. Location: Mercy Park Activity Center, 1131 3rd St., Des Moines.

Join German expert Lois Edwards for this full-day conference and explore your German heritage. Explore immigration patterns, church and civil records, research techniques and more (See details on page 6). Cost: IGS members: \$45/ non-members \$50. **Register by May 27th and save!**

JULY 2011

JUL. 23-24: Research Slumber Party

4 p.m. Saturday, July 23rd through 6 a.m. Sunday, July 24th. Reservations required. Cost: \$25 per person includes supper.

AUGUST 2011

AUG. 20: Introduction to Quaker Research

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Explore Quaker organization, records, dating conventions and research techniques. Examine the changes over time in recording birth, death & marriages. Understand the importance of minutes of Quaker Monthly Meetings and what can be gleaned from those minutes. Space is limited; preregistration is required. Cost: \$5 IGS members/\$10 non-members.



OCTOBER 2011

OCT. 14 -15:

IGS Fall Conference. Details TBA.

NOVEMBER 2011

NOV. 5: Getting the Most from Federal and State Census Records

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Finding your ancestors on the census can be challenging. But once you have located them, are you really maximizing all the information that is available in those documents? Put on your detective hat and get ready for some sleuthing as IGS explores the census! Cost: \$5 IGS members/ \$10 non-members.

A screenshot of a census record form, showing columns for name, age, sex, and other demographic information. The text is small and difficult to read, but it appears to be a standard census form.

NOV. 5: Beginning Genealogy

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Space is limited; preregistration is suggested for this FREE class!

NOV. 12 - 13: Research Slumber Party

4 p.m. Saturday, November 12th through 6 a.m. Sunday, November 13th. Reservations required. Cost: \$25 per person includes supper.

DECEMBER 2011

DEC. 3: Beginning Genealogy

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Space is limited; preregistration is suggested for this FREE class.

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IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

March 2011

The Iowa Genealogical Society Newsletter is a publication of the Iowa Genealogical Society. Members receive the newsletter as part of their membership.

The editor invites individual members, member chapters, regional representatives and the public to submit articles, reviews, chapter news and program information for publication.

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The deadline for submissions to be included in the May newsletter is 31 March 2011.

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